(b) if so, whether Government have laid down any specific policy in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

. THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per the extant policy of the Ministry, advertisement are not allowed on National Highways within the Right of Way. However, some relaxation can be allowed in public interest for informatory advertisement such as hospitals, name of towns etc. Privately sponsored retro reflective traffic signs could also be allowed provided that the advertisement display is regulated by restricting it to the name or logo of the firm. There is an Indian Road congress code No. 46:1972 regarding policy on roadside advertisement. The NH (Land & Traffic) Act 2002 also provides for removal of unauthorized encroachments, which will include removal of hoardings from the Right of Way.

National Highways In Punjab

1009. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of national highways in Punjab where the construction work/repairs are going on at present;

(b) the status of work in each case; and

(c) the agency through which the work is being done?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The construction work/repairs are going on at present on NH-1, NH-1A, NH-10, NH-15, NH-20, NH-21, NH-64, NH-70, NH-71 and NH-95 in the State of Punjab and the status of these works is given in Statement (see below).

(c) The State Public Works Department of Punjab and National Highways Authority of India are the executing agencies for development of National Highways.

Statement

Status of National Highways in Punjab

1. National Highways Original Works

SI. No.	NH No.	Name of work Amount (Rs. In Lacs) Sanctioned		Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	72	Widening/Strengthening 9.23-13.75 Ambala Narayangarh Central Works Division Patiala-1	144.08	Work in progress
2.	01	Land Acquisition for 4-lanning from Km. 387. 100-456.100 on Jalandhar-Amritsar section. Central Works Division Jalandhar/Amritsar	154.54	Work in progress
3.	01	Shifting of utility for proposed 4-lanning Km. 387. 10-456.10 on Jalandhar-Amritsar Section C.W. Division Jalandhar/Amritsar	453.95	Work in progress
4.	22	Shifting of utility and compensatory afforestation in Km. 10.84-39.16 (Punjab Border to Zirakpur) C.W. Division Mohali	155.78	Work in progress
5.	64A	Widening of Railway crossing No. 139 at Km. 5 & Widening of Road in Km. 4.70-5.31 (City portion Bathinda) on Bathinda Dabwali Section Central Works Division Bathinda	42.16	Work in progress
6.	21	Removal of Public Utility for Construction of Rail Over Bridge Kurali Central Works Division Mohali	64.75	Work in progress
7.	64	Removal of trees, shifting of utilities for realignment of bridge at Nidampur By-Pass at RD 83428-85488 (Patiala-Sangrur road) Central Works Division Sangrur at Patiala	5.58	Work in progress

1	2	3	4	5
8.	15	Detailed Estimate for Construction of 3 Meter Span Slab Type Culverts as per Designed OR 70-R Loading in Km. 100.00 on Amritsar Pathankot Road N.H.15 Central Works Amritsar-I	19.74	Work in progress
9.	15	Detailed Estimate for Re-construction of 2 Meter Span Slab Type Culvert over Duburji Distributary crossing Amritsar-T.T Sirhali-Harike National Highway-15 in Km. 122. C.W.Amritsar-ll	9.50	Work in progress
10.	15	Detailed Estimate for Land Acquisition for Construction of High Level Bridge over UBDC in Km. 92 of National Highway-15	12.10	Work in progress
12	15	Raising Abohar-Usman Khera Rd. Km 367.36 to 372.00 Central Works Abohar	380.72	Work in progress
13	71	Strengthening in Km. 37.00 to 48.85 Nakodar-Shankot road, Central Works Jalandhar	478.42 Jalandhar-	Work in progress
14	95	Providing paved shoulder Km. 18.50 to 35.75 Ludhiana-Ferozepur, Boarder road, Central Works Ludhiana	329.02	Work in progress
15	10	Raising in Km. 337.40 to 339.00 Sangrur road, Central Works Abohar	170.02 Delhi Hissar	Work in progress
16	10	Raising in Km.340.80 to 344.54 Sangrur road, Central Works Abohar	484.08 Delhi Hissar	Work in progress
17	71	Strengthening in Km. 16.00 to 26.00 Nakodar-Shankot road, Central Works Jalandhar	377.66 Jalandhar-	Work in progress
18	64	Strengthening in Km. 55.00 to Patiala Sangrur road in Patiala City, Central Works Patiala	186.14 56.75	Work in progress
19	10	Raising in Km. 369.69 to 375.00 Abohar road, Central Works Abohar	477.15 Malout	Work in progress

1	2	3	4	5
20	64	Re-construction of old & weak culvert Km. 63.00 to 76.00 of Patiala Sangrur Section Central Works, Patiala	149.98	Work in progress
21	20	Construction of minor bridge over Bhagar Khad, Central Works Pathankot	116.00	Work in progress
	2. Improvement of Riding Quality on		National Highways	
1	15	Improvement of riding quality in Km. 198.00- 219.00 (Ferozepur-Kotkapura Road) Central Works Ferozepur	478.75	Work in progress
2	70	Improvement of riding quality in Km. 1.74 to 2.00,15.00 to 24.00 (Jalandhar Hoshiarpur) Central Works No. 1 Amritsar	183.80	Work in progress
3	21	Strengthening in Km. 71.40 to 82.00 (Ropar Kiratpur Sahib) Central Works Ropar	212.20	Work in progress
4	71	Strengthening in Km. 189.00 to 196.73 on Sangrur Patran Khanauri road Central Works Sangrur at Patiala	420.08	Work in progress
	3. Repair works (Periodic Renewal) on National Highways			
1	1	Periodical Renewal in Km. 412.80-424.70 Central Works Division No. 1, Amritsar	187.37	Work in progress
2	15	Periodical Renewal Km. 88.00 to 96.00 (Section Batata Amritsar) Central Works Division No. 1, Amritsar	106.88	, Work in progress
3	21	Periodical Renewal in Km. 0.00-1.680 and Km. 16.00 to 25560	171.15	Work in progress
4	71	Periodical Renewal in Km. 90.00 - 114.27	178.28	Work in progress

1	2	3	5	19
5	64A	Periodical Renewal in Km. 5.370 - 19.370	133.02	Work in progress
6	15	Periodical Renewal in Km. 5.60-13.50	97.36	Work in progress
7	15	P/R in Km. 0.00-8.29 (except 80 meter length at level crossing)	125.68	Work in progress
8	15	Periodical Renewal in Km. 63.00 to 67.00 & 70.437 to 73.00	67.30	Work in progress

Global Technical Regulations for Motor Vehicles

1010. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to join 1998 agreement on Global Technical Regulations for Motor Vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the design specifications of vehicles do not have to be changed to meet country specific regulations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has approved the proposal for India's joining the 1998 Agreement on Globai Technical Regulations (GTR) for Motor Vehicles, administered by WP-29-Worid Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, a body of the Economic Commission of Europe of the United Nations (UN-ECE). The 1998 Agreement is a forum for establishment of Global Technical Regulation for wheeled Motor Vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles. The objective of 1998 Agreement is to codify the international best practices in safety, emission regulations, energy sources and theft prevention equipments into global regulations without any binding obligations for reciprocal recognition of certification by signatory countries.

(c) and (d) Since the Global Technical Regulations are formed by harmonization of existing regulations pf contracting countries as well as by establishment of new regulations with the consensus of all contracting parties, vehicles manufactured with such design specifications would largely meet the specification of the contracting parties.